

**What is claimed is:**

1. A gaming machine comprising: a game control means for controlling a card game that is played by a plurality of players including a virtual player; and a benefit provision means for  
5 providing benefits to said players in accordance with game media used in the card game, the gaming machine further comprising:

a rank determination means for determining a player ranking in accordance with a result of the card game; and

a win/loss determination means for determining winning  
10 players among the plurality of players to be provided with benefits based on the player ranking determined by said rank determination means;

wherein said win/loss determination means determines the winning players such that the winning players include a highest  
15 ranking player and a player other than a second highest ranking player according to the player ranking.

2. The gaming machine according to Claim 1, wherein said card game comprises a poker.

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3. The gaming machine according to Claim 1, wherein said win/loss determination means determines the winning players for the benefits so that the winning players include a lowest ranking player according to the player ranking.

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4. The gaming machine according to Claim 1, wherein said win/loss determination means determines the winning players by

lottery.

5. A gaming machine with which a card game is played by a plurality of players including a virtual player and which provides  
5 benefits to winning players among the plurality of players in accordance with game media used in the card game;

wherein said winning players are determined to include a highest ranking player and a player other than a second highest player according to a result of the card game.

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6. A gaming machine with which a plurality of players play a game individually using game media, the game machine comprising:  
individual display parts, each of which shows an individual game  
content for a respective player; a common display part which shows  
15 common information shared with other players; and operating parts,  
each of which is operated by each individual player;

wherein the gaming machine provides benefits to a highest ranking player and a player other than the highest ranking player, but being selected by a predetermined criterion.

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7. A server being provided connectable via a communication line to terminal devices, each of which has information input means for inputting information, the server comprising:

a game control means for controlling a card game played by  
25 a plurality of players including a virtual player, the game control means being provided with each of said terminal devices;

a benefit provision means for providing benefits to the

plurality of players in accordance with input information by the plurality of players;

a rank determination means for determining a player ranking in accordance with a result of the game; and

5 a win/loss determination means for determining winning players by the ranking such that the winning players are determined to include a highest ranking player and a player other than a second highest player according to the player ranking.

10 8. A computer executable program comprising:  
controlling a card game that is played by a plurality of players including a virtual player; and

providing benefits to players in accordance with game media used in the game;

15 the program further comprising:  
determining a high-low ranking in accordance with a result of the game; and

determining winning players to be provided with benefits such that the winning players include a highest ranking player  
20 and a player other than a second highest ranking player.

9. A storage medium storing the program according to Claim 8.